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FASCISTS

An accused war criminal with links to the Japanese mafia is giving money to universities across the world. McGill might be among them

A man who calls himself "the world's wealthiest fascist" has sparked controversy on university campuses worldwide with his donations of millions in the name of "philanthropy". Some speculate that Canada's "number one" university, McGill, may be next on the list.

Ryoichi Sasakawa, 91, heads a donor organization, the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation. Sasakawa is notorious for his aggressive expansionist zeal during Japan's occupation of China in World War II. He was designated a class "A" (most heinous) war criminal, though he was never tried.

According to Professor Sam Noumoff, Director of McGill's Centre for Developing Area Studies, "It has come to my attention that the university administration is considering accepting a donation from a foundation associated with Sasakawa."

While some claim Sasakawa's donations constitute repentance and cannot be declined in this era of university cutbacks, others consider the acceptance of such a "gift" from someone with Sasakawa's history of



Sasakawa photographed with his friend and mentor, Benito "Il Duce" Mussolini

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Associate Dean of Medicine suspended for sexual misconduct

Québec physicians impose one-year suspension

BY KRISTEN BOON

Yves Bergevin, resigned from his post as McGill's associate dean of interhospital and intergovernmental affairs two weeks ago after pleading guilty to charges of sexual misconduct.

A year-long suspension from medical practice was handed down by the disciplinary committee of the Québec Corporation of Physicians on July 14.

The committee agreed to the defence's request not to publish the decision, but the suspension Bergevin began serving Oct 14 was announced on Friday in the *Gazette*.

An unidentified female patient registered a complaint against in November 1992. A doctor at Montréal General Hospital, Bergevin had sexual relations with the 18-year-old patient from August 1981 to December 1982. He was counselling her on an unwanted pregnancy at the time.

The disciplinary committee was harsh in its decision. "This is a case which illustrates, without doubt, the relation of inequality between a doctor and his patient. The accused was a well-trained and competent professional, while the patient was defenseless, isolated and scared," the decision states.

Bergevin has resigned from all administrative posts at McGill, but may take up his teaching post again next year.

Dean of Medicine Richard Creuss, said Bergevin has an excellent reputation at McGill.

"This is a person who has really donated himself to society," said Creuss, citing Bergevin's two year placements in Ethiopia, and his work in Northern Canada with the Cree. "I hope he can construct an academic career again, but that doesn't condone what he did."

After the complaint was lodged last November, Bergevin was suspended from teaching at McGill from January to June. He underwent counselling, and was reinstated in the summer, "when it was assured he wasn't a threat," said Creuss.

The Montréal General also suspended Bergevin's practice.

"When in fact the complaint was placed with the corporation, it was an indication that he would not continue practising," said Joan Lamontange of the Montréal General Hospital. Bergevin is still nominally on staff, and a final decision will be made next year.

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SHOULD MCGILL BE RUN BY FASCIST MONEY?

by Stephanie Conway, continued from the front page



PHOTO FROM YAKUZA BY CAPLAN & DUBRO

Ryoichi Sasakawa, the self-proclaimed "world's wealthiest fascist" and yakuza associate at Sugamo Prison after the War. Sasakawa was designated a Class A war criminal.

militarism and ultra-right politics to be morally repugnant.

Noumoff said that McGill is seriously considering accepting the money.

"If this is true, it probably marks the lowest point in McGill's history and is a desecration of all the the university values which even the most diverse among us hold in common," said Noumoff.

According to McGill Geography Professor Audrey Kobayashi, "In principle, I would not be in favour of accepting money from organizations such as Sasakawa's *should* they be offered to McGill."

Kobayashi is nationally renowned for her efforts to redress injustices to Japanese-Canadians, and has received awards for her role in securing government retributions for Japanese interns in Canada during World War II.

Kobayashi is familiar with Sasakawa's controversial past.

"He represents all the corrupt practices Japan has been struggling with and is only recently making some progress against," she said. "I do not believe Sasakawa's money comes without political implications. There has been a lot of indications that he has attempted to buy credibility and I don't think that is an appropriate basis for accepting money at McGill."

According to Professor Ken Dean in East Asian Studies, "Given the unsavoury reputation of Sasakawa, I think we should treat any initiative on the part of his foundation with considerable caution. Before accepting any such funds, we should invite the university to debate any moral issues involved."

McGill faculty in East Asian Studies have been known to decline individual grants from Sasakawa's foundation on ethical grounds. According to another professor in the department, there is ongoing debate among scholars of Japan and China about whether or not to accept such monies.

Professor Tom Naylor, a specialist in economic crime, is also aware of Sasakawa's war crimes and his dubious connections with organized crime in Japan. Naylor described the prospect of Sasakawa's money being offered to McGill as "obscene".

Recently Sasakawa's donations have largely gone to universities. On the list of prestigious institutions accepting his millions are Princeton, Berkeley and Oxford.

The University of California at San Diego and the University of Chicago both refused donations. Sasakawa's foundation offered money to the University of Hawaii, but they rescinded the offer when UH asked them to remove Sasakawa's name.

In 1990, York University in Toronto accepted \$1 million, though protests led to the removal of Sasakawa's name from the scholarship fund. Professor Bob Tadashi Wakabayashi resigned his position as Co-ordinator of York's East Asian Studies Programme in protest.

"No strings attached"?

According to a brief prepared by Professor Wakabayashi for York's faculty newsletter, Sasakawa's donations are intended to "white-wash his own and his country's war crimes by falsifying and distorting the historical record" and "to blunt mounting criticism of Japanese trade and investment, particularly in North America and Europe."

In a 1990 interview on CBC's *As It Happens*, journalist Henri Hymans claimed that Sasakawa is funding social science and humanities "to prevent the true recording of history in the far east". Many Japanese school text books have already been re-written to obscure Japanese aggression in WWII.

Kobayashi said that McGill must inform itself about Sasakawa's past before it accepts any money.

"I would hope that the McGill community

would educate itself about money from this source and other sources acquired by unethical means or from organizations that support what we in our society agree to be unethical," said Kobayashi.

A repentant fascist?

Sasakawa's fervent nationalism was firmly established in 1931 when he became President of the expansionist *Kokusai taishuto*, or "Mass Party Representing Japan's National Essence", which, by 1941, had amassed 110 000 black-shirted members.

The party's activities included, in 1933, an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Wakatsuki Reijiro, a diplomat who decried the army's role in Manchuria. In 1935, members of *Kokusai taishuto* attempted to discredit and later assassinate Law Professor and constitutionalist Minobe Tatsukichi for daring to assert that the emperor was simply an organ of the state, not an absolute authority.

In 1939, Sasakawa met with Dictator Benito Mussolini, a man he greatly admired because he "took beggars off the street". He would later tell the press, "Mussolini was a first class person. He had the character, the spirit and the conviction of the old samurai of Japan...he was the perfect fascist and dictator."

Sasakawa's campaign for public support of Japanese expansion won him a seat on the Diet (Japan's parliament) in 1942, during a notoriously undemocratic period of government. Sasakawa fuelled imperialist sentiment with his party's donations of an airfield and private airforce of 20 planes.

He was a close ally of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, planner of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. Both advocated invasion of China, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Sasakawa's 15 000-strong troops were instrumental in the plunder of strategic resources, such as tin and rubber, in China and South East Asia. According to an article in the *Village Voice*, on one occasion, the troops executed the 30 000 inhabitants of one village when they refused to comply.

In 1945, Sasakawa was interned in Sugamo prison, accompanied by higher government officials and war-instigators (all marked with Class 'A' status).

According to Professor Noumoff, "It was reported that Sasakawa was not actually arrested but had approached American military

authorities and brokered his way into prison, knowing that this was the key to the post-war political network."

Three years later, Sasakawa was released without trial by US military officials. Japan has never conducted its own war crimes trials. Some have speculated that a deal was struck between Sasakawa and the CIA who allegedly saw him as an anti-communist ally (see: *Yakuza: the explosive account of Japan's criminal underworld* by David Kaplan and Alec Dubro).

What money can buy...

Sasakawa's effort to re-establish the National Essence Party and to pursue explicitly militarist aims was foiled by Japan's post-war constitution. Instead, he used his nefarious wealth to support Conservative politicians and to found a legal motorboat gambling business. According to a 1990 *Globe and Mail* article, the motorboat racing venture now grosses over \$10 billion a year.

The Motor Boat Racing Association, as a semi-private enterprise, must contribute approximately 25 per cent of its earnings to "public interest activities." But Sasakawa, president of the association, has donated this money in his own name. While some cite the legality of this business as proof of Sasakawa's "clean slate", Japanese gambling is deeply imbedded in underground money-making interests.

Sasakawa's extensive "charity" serves to allay much criticism. The Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation has, since 1962, given \$3 billion worth of charitable donations to United Nations organizations, universities, and non-profit agencies.

Sasakawa also buys media influence with the \$17 million-a-year the Motorboat Racing Association of Japan spends on advertising and promotion, including full page ads featuring himself in domestic and foreign newspapers.

During an early Ethiopian famine, Sasakawa appeared in a TV commercial handing out money to starving children in the middle of a field.

Sources estimate that Sasakawa's personal wealth would rank him in the top ten of the world's wealthiest.

Powerful connections

Sasakawa's strategic links with right-wing politicians and prominent figures in Japan's underworld is widely known among Japanese people.

"I don't know Mr. Sasakawa personally much the same way I didn't know Al Capone personally," said an anonymous Japanese E-mail correspondent from Bishop's University.

In the post-war period, Sasakawa consolidated his ties with Yoshio Kodama and Yoshio Fuji, former National Essence Party (*Taishuto*) cohorts, and fellow-prisoners. Kodama and Sasakawa, upon release from prison, contributed massive funds to their former cell-mate, Kishi Nobusuke, who went on to become Prime Minister in 1956.

In 1976, Fuji was on the Board of Directors of the *Zen-Nippon Aikokusha Dantai Kaigi* (National Council of Patriotic Societies) the controlling body for 400 right-wing extremist groups with 150 000 members. In the 1960s these groups led massive attacks on student protesters and have, more recently, been employed to intimidate and break up unions, especially the Japanese Teachers Union which has criticized Sasakawa's TV commercials.

Also a Board member, Sasakawa was employed by the National Council of Patriotic Societies as their "Advisor". Today, Sasakawa wears the prestigious title of *Kuromaku*. According to an article in the *Globe and Mail*, this means he is "a backstage political director with immense power but without public responsibilities."

Sasakawa is also known as a mediator between "warring" underworld gangs. According to an article in *Insight*, he has recourse to *sokaiya* (extortionists) to facilitate financial operations. Sasakawa maintained critical ties with Kodama, another underworld mediator and important power broker for the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), until his death in 1984.

Karate Kingpin

Sasakawa's threatening underworld connections and his generous contributions to the current LDP government have afforded him great political influence. His political allies include former Prime Ministers Nobusuke Kishi and Takeo Fukuda as well as Diet member Ishihara Shintaro. He also sits on the board of several organizations, many of which count themselves among his donor recipients.

As president of the World Karate Federation and chair of 30 Japanese karate organizations, Sasakawa secures wide domestic and foreign recognition. Some speculate his hidden agenda is to promote para-military combat under the guise of peaceful sporting.

Few are willing to publicly criticize Sasakawa. After daily newspaper *Asahi Shimbun* criticized him, Sasakawa wielded his influence on the Sumitomo Banking Group to refuse the paper loans.

A facelift for imperialist Japan

For many Japanese, Sasakawa is a dirty word. Others are duped by the benevolent image he puts forward for the public. He has earned two of the highest Emperor's decorations in Japan without being a member of the imperial family: the First Order of the Sacred Treasure (1978) and the First Order of Merit with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun (1987). Such distinctions are consistent with Sasakawa's ideological support of Emperor-worship and its concomitant militarism.

Sasakawa has actively sought to promote himself, and by extension Japan, to the international community. His donations to the United Nations and the United Nations University in Tokyo make him their largest single donor.

Some say he is angling for the Nobel Peace Prize. According to one McGill East Asian Studies professor, Sasakawa is lobbying to make Japanese imperialism in WWII look more like a war of liberation than one of aggression.

Reflections on Elections

All Alberta in a bar graph

Quick, just one word on the election. As seen on tv, as seen in your eyes, which couldn't close, which flashed like changing channels.

You saw all Alberta in a bar graph, weathermapping. You had to know: the seat projection, the ridings remaining.

In a conference room in BC, six rows of seated people turned their backs to Judy Rebick and Sunera Thobani, preferring to watch them on the tv at the other end of the room.

Peter Mansbridge couldn't leave his desk. Didn't dare, for the hologram jungle which loomed.

You too were captive, captivated, for hours and hours. And to think, your attention span is 23 seconds short.

This is democracy in 3-D. In a word, it is *phantasmagoria*, and all six syllables worth.

Kristin Andrews

Did you "consider yourself hugged," on election night?

Those were Kim Campbell's famous last words to us on election night. The words of a bankrupt leader of a bankrupt party perched, literally and figuratively, on a sterile blue platform, which, by regal design, was far away from us all.

I didn't feel hugged. Nor did I return the conceit, and feel pity. I was elated, as most other Canadians were, that the big blue Tory machine, achieved what must be a world record in parliamentary democracy; it went from a majority to only two seats in the House of Commons.

But I am much much more elated that our parliamentary system has been shaken from top to bottom; that in one fell swoop we have placed people in our parliament who will make Canada a better place, and that, while we were at it, we dispensed some poetic justice to the Tories and the NDP.

This election heralds our entry into a different era, an era in which it will once again be important to be driven by the principle of doing the 'right thing': to be socially responsible, to look out for others who might have less, and, above all else, to cooperate to effect progressive social change. Gone is the era of greed, of a self serving market ideology, that saw to it that the rich got quite literally richer, the poor got ... well, you know; an era that witnessed an erosion in our society that manifested itself in a distrust for politicians and two - count 'em - two constitutional crises.

For the first time in a long time we voted for something instead of against something. I'm not totally naive; these changes are a thing of degree. But, anyone who watched, "le p'tit gars de Shawinigan," give his acceptance speech on election night must have felt, as I did, that he, our new Prime minister, is made of better stuff than we have seen for quite a while. It is his good luck too, that the promised economic change, will become possible not only because of the Keynesian economics principles the Liberals seem to be following, but that we can ride coat-tails on what Clinton et al are doing south of the border.

M. Chrétien, will be unwittingly aided by a most unlikely person. Preston Manning, a cross between the man from Glad and Jimmy Baker, will, with his rag tag bunch of evangelists, good old boys, and racists, be engaged in a dog fight with the Tories to represent the Right which should keep them all out of contention for at

least two terms. (You know, it's a dog eat dog world out there!). This battle should be fun to watch as they debate how many welfare bums should be pressed into workfare camps, or how many grandmothers (but not their own) can efficiently be tossed into the street.

Lucky for us, the Reform Party will not be the next official opposition; Lucien Bouchard, and his Bloc Québécois, have that honour. We can hope that he will make Anglo Canadians understand that there is a legitimate constituency, as yet still a minority in Québec, that does not subscribe to being Canadian, but that forms much of its identity in opposition to being Canadian. The sooner Anglos realize this, and respect this, the sooner we will finally be able to engage in some constructive dialogue.

That the Bloc should be the official opposition, while the Tories and NDP don't even have official party status is justice at its poetic best. It was these mainstream parties who invented the criteria for official party status of twelve seats, along with a variety of other anti-democratic legislation. They intended it to keep the Bloc out of contention, and they are now suffering by it. For the NDP it is a well earned punch on the nose; their unanimity with this legislation, which is abominable, and their checkered records in provincial power, which tells of a party that can't put principle into practice, makes them lucky to have won even nine seats. Let's hope they sort it out and become, once again, Canada's political conscience.

Louis Helbig

Anglo misconceptions blur Bloc's true nature

I am a bilingual anglophone born and bred in Montréal, and I voted for the Bloc Québec.

I suppose we should have seen it coming in all of the paranoid hand-wringing in the anglo press.

How can the Gazette, the Globe, or the Calgary Herald, for that matter, tell us democracy in Canada has failed with the arrival of the Bloc in Ottawa as the official opposition?

I see an alternative to this reactionary and narrow-minded interpretation. This election has given us a glimpse of the power of the voter. It is reassuring to see the electorate accomplish what the élites couldn't for 30 years: reflect the reality of Canadian diversity in the House of Commons.

The election of those 54 MPs is, if anything, an enhancement of Canadian democracy and a triumph of federalism. We have sent a clear message that we

want a new Canada — one that does not attempt to paper over the massive cleavages in our society but rather reflect them. Lucien Bouchard's triumph is initiating a new dialogue between the communities.

The Bloc's presence in Parliament is not contradictory. If anything, the Bloc's presence only proves federalism works — that Québec's voice IS heard in Ottawa.

Ultimately, I see the results as a blessing in disguise. Although nothing

has structurally changed in Canada, the 35th Parliament is, in my eyes, a truer vision of Canada. Canada's regional identities have not been serviced by either Trudeau's era of unitary policies or Mulroney's style of horse-trading power-brokerage. Charlottetown may have been the catalyst for Canadians' rejection of these politics. Just compare the Charlottetown vote with the vote in Québec, riding by riding, and we almost see a perfect match.

The electorate has, especially in Québec, sent a clear message to Ottawa that Canada is a state with more than one nation; and those nations must be represented.

Damion Stodola





DAILY PHOTO BY LAUREL HUGHES

Drawing Reform Party leader Preston Manning

Dressed up and somewhere to go

On Monday, October 25, 1993, I voted for the first time in a federal election, an election that changed the scope of Canadian politics. I knew that the Bloc candidate would win in my riding, but that wasn't the point. I had voted. If the Liberals came second in the riding, it wouldn't seem so bad because the national party won a huge majority.

What I was most interested in, however, was not how well Chrétien would do, or how humiliated Kim would be. It was the battle of Reform versus Bloc.

All throughout the campaign, I was adamantly opposed to almost everything that Preston Manning had to say. Being a prairie girl myself, I had tried to convince my friends at McGill that Reform support really wasn't as strong as projected, and that their alleged racist and anti-immigrant aura would only assure them backbencher status.

But as I camped out in front of the TV on Monday night, I started cheering for Manning, the Mr. Dressup of Canadian politics, and his tickle-trunk of candidates that had begun to creep surely up the voters' tally. Once Saskatchewan, my home province, had given Reform four seats (my riding went Liberal, however), I jumped on the bandwagon.

The Liberals have got the majority anyway, but do I really want the separatist Bloc, a party that will represent my riding but not the interests of an important segment of its population, as the opposition? I felt I had no choice. As each riding in Alberta and B.C. went green, I cheered. I knew if they at least tied the Bloc, Reform would be granted opposition status in Parliament.

As the night drew to a close, the last questionable seat in B.C. went to the Liberals and the Bloc inched past the Reform with a two-seat lead. It was all over.

I suppose my hypocritical and perhaps unjustified reactions to the Bloc's utter domination of Québec was due to fear and doubt for Canada's future; the future of the Canada that I know and love, one which encouraged me to learn French, to experience a different culture by living in Québec, and to count francophones as some of my best friends.

While I'm not convinced the Reform Party supports my vision of Canada, I do hope they can shed their troubled image and deal fairly in the best interests of all Canadians.

And I hope in their image I find more than Casey and Finnegan.

Joya Balfour

HYDE PARK

Status quo comes out on top

opinion submitted by Rick Savone

As a young voter in this election, I cannot be but disappointed, once again, with the results. There is talk around that the new Liberal administration will us a respite from the politics of decline, decay and deception of the Conservatives. Young Canadians know better, though.

Canada's youth recognize that the same Canadians that have voted for the same Liberal party in the past 50 years have done it again. People are saying this is a new Liberal Party, a revitalized one. The policies and strategies of this election campaign prove otherwise, however. There is nothing new about Jean Chrétien and the Liberals. There is nothing new about make-work projects and promises of hope and dignity. In fact, there is just about nothing new in anything the parties have proposed during this campaign.

There are winners in this election, Chrétien's liberals, and losers, presumably Campbell's Conservatives. But the real winner is the status quo while the real losers, Canada's young people, must settle for more out-dated policies that will fail again.

Many Canadians are blaming Kim Campbell's performance in this election for the dismemberment and disintegration of the PC Party. They may be correct in doing so. What shocks me the most, though, is that the Liberal Party fared so poorly in relative terms. After nine years of unpopular government,

after nine years of preparation and reconditioning, after nine years of sitting on the sidelines, the Liberals were only able to do as well as they have done traditionally. In spite of Campbell's series of bad breaks and the fact that the country's "natural governing party" is the Liberal Party, Chrétien still only did what just about every other Liberal leader did. Campbell had to defend a record she did not make and did not necessarily endorse and yet Chrétien still fared about average. Jean Chrétien did not win this election. The voters' desire to return to regional factionalism lost it.

Chrétien managed to hold on to the traditional Liberal vote in Canada while the rest of the country lashed out for change. Kim Campbell tried to bring real change to the political process in Canada but the defenders of the status quo stopped her in her tracks. The traditionalists won. The old-style politicians with empty promises and policies took the day.

Now, young Canadians can expect more irresponsible spending, more senseless taxing, more unbalanced representation. As well, they can continue to expect the bill for this recklessness in the years to come. Did we see change on Oct 25? Hardly. It's politics as usual.

LETTERS

Grammarphobia

To the Daily:

I would like to address the grammarphobic [sic] response by Sheema Khan to my Hyde Park last week. It is a sad day indeed when someone who has reached the post-doc level of education displays the literary comprehension of a seven year old.

Sheema: the little curly things which follow in this sentence in parentheses are called quotation marks. They denote text which is someone else's original text or opinion ("").

Keeping this small piece of information in mind, the problems you have with the quote from the Imam Sheikh Fathy Moussa of Gaza should be taken up with him or the Toronto Globe and Mail which originally published his entire sermon on Sept. 21.

Furthermore, you allege that I said that anyone who opposes the "peace" treaty does not believe in the right of Israel to exist. I have NEVER said such a thing. In reading between the lines you have lost the meaning of my argument.

Lastly, I did not direct any "innuendo" at the McGill Muslim Students' Association. I merely quoted (theses

pesky things again") a document they signed and pointed out its significance. If you feel that the section of the document quoted was as you put it "an negative stereotypes of Muslims," I can only recommend you complain to the MSA asking them to be more careful what they and the Muslim Students' Association of Canada put their names to. Please inform me of the result if you do, I'd be interested in hearing how it turns out.

Good Luck.

Daniel Koffler
U3 Political Science

Conspiracy of fashion

To the Daily:

Esteemed Citizen Sadiq,
If our views seem distasteful, then we invite you to leave the continent; at this writing, our militant hygienic forces are poised for a takeover of North America. Once resistance is quelled, we shall ferret out your kind, wherever you may hide, with the aid of our patchouli-sniffing dogs. Next you will be shipped off to internment camps, where you will be stripped, shorn of your grimy hair, and de-loused. After a quarantine period, you will be put to work sewing

garments for the fashion magnates who will run these camps as a joint venture with our benevolent dictatorship. Should you cease to be productive, you will cease to be.

You say we should talk about sex. We are delighted to oblige you; your kind will not be allowed to mate either with others or among yourselves; anyt offspring we discover will be dispatched or, if salvageable, washed. To prevent your kind from proliferating, you will all be sterilised upon your arrival at the camps.

Our judgement is not at all final; with regular bathing, five years' efficient service, and a repudiation of your previous fashion statements, you may be allowed to rejoin society. Given your tone of indignation, though, you are no doubt a troublemaker. Expect to find yourself at the bottom of a shallow grave, far from civilisation.

Lighten up, dip shit! Do you take everything you read in the Daily as personally as you do seriously?

Elizabeth Elmwood and Michael Kluk
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Falling in more things than love on campus

Lack of funds causes McGill's disrepair

BY TIEN LEE

McGill is falling apart.

Lack of funding at McGill has resulted in the university putting off needed repairs to many of its buildings. Maintenance workers have been working diligently despite the lack of funding. However, a number of incidents have highlighted how precarious the situation is.

Ella Laffey, a history professor, had her thumb severed after a lecturn dropped like a guillotine on account of its loose hinging to the desk last month.

Two weeks ago, one of the concrete roof panels over the Winter Arena fell onto the ice during a scheduled activity.

"The fall was caused by a crane dropping a new slab into place harder than needed, causing the old one to fall," said Roy Dalebozik, Executive Director of Facilities Development.

According to Domineco Meo, Maintenance Coordinator of Facilities Management, 31 buildings on campus need roof re-tar-

ring or replacement, some of which are already in progress. Work is expected to begin on the remaining buildings if the weather permits.

"Completion dates are dependent on when the snow comes," said Meo.

More signs of atrophy on our white-picket campus appear in two other incidents. Last summer, a glass plate shattered onto the Bookstore floor on account of an overtightened bolt in its frame. Two years ago, another window fell to the floor of the Education building.

The root of these safety hazards lies in the problem of insufficient funding for proper maintenance. The covered passage between the Leacock and Arts buildings has not been worked on once in the last 25 years, and as a result, its entire roof must be replaced this year.

The provincial government's recent grant of \$15.2 million was allotted for projects under the category of "Deferred Maintenance."

Mr. Dalebozik said that the pri-

orities for spending this special grant are on leaking rooves, replacing overloaded electrical entries for a central system, making the campus wheelchair-accessible, and preventing elevator failures. Quebec's previous 1992 grant of \$6.5 million was spent almost entirely on roof repairs.

An added pressure on contractors is that these new projects must be completed by May 30, 1994.

Wayne Wood, Manager of the Safety Office, said that his office often has problems ensuring campus safety without adequate means of communication about potential hazards.

"We would like to know about all types of dangerous incidents to investigate and prescribe measures to prevent dangerous occurrences," said Wood.

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Tunnel from Stewart Bio to MacIntyre Medical building

Wage cuts loom

University unions may join forces

BY AARON PAULSON

Toronto (CUP)—A merger of two national unions could give teaching assistants and non-tenured professors greater power across Canada.

Current talks may lead to a merger between the 11 000 members of the Canadian Union of Education Workers (CUEW), and the 3000 members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

"The amount of resources at CUPE's disposal... would lead to greater integration with the labour movement in the rest of the country," said Sean DiGiovanna, a representative for CUEW Local 2, which represents 3 000 teaching assistants and student lecturers at the University of Toronto.

The merger carries other potential benefits for CUEW members, beyond increased solidarity with workers at other campuses.

"CUEW provides a large amount of services to its locals. CUPE is known as a union that grants a lot of local autonomy," said DiGiovanna.

He added that CUPE may have greater resources nationally, but those resources may or may not be as available to each local.

The proposed merger is at least partially a reaction to the threat of legislated wage and employment cuts in the public sector.

"There is a social contract in Ontario, Manitoba has a similar program, and it is currently being debated in Nova Scotia and Alberta," said Derek Blackadder, executive assistant to the national committee at CUEW.

Both CUPE and CUEW have approached each other in the past about a potential merger. Current talks began this August, but are not expected to reach a conclusion until next spring. CUEW will have representatives at the CUPE national convention in November, to observe the union in action.

"CUEW is taking the merger discussions very seriously, but they are still in their early stages," said Blackadder.

"We're being very careful at first," DiGiovanna said. "One of our top priorities is to ensure the same level of services to the locals," as provided by the CUEW national office.

The Merger Discussions Committee will make a report to the executive body, after which a national referendum will take place to vote on the Committee's proposals.

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Centre for East Asian Studies presents Professor James Hevia, assistant professor of history university of North Carolina A & T speaking on "Imperialism and the Camera's Gaze: Executions after The Boxer Rebellion." Today, 16:30 Leacock Rm. 232.

Quebec PIRGs Publicity Committee will be having one of its fun meetings in Rm. 307 6 pm tonight. We have a good time so join us.

Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gays of McGill (LBGM) are having a General Meeting, today at 6:30 in the Shatner Union Bldg. Room 302.

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East Asian Studies Society is holding a Sushi & Green Tea Sale in Leacock lobby Nov 3rd 11am-4pm.

McGill Amnesty International meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in Union 425/435. All are welcome. Write a letter...save a life.

TNC presents Better Living George F. Walker at Morrice Hall (Islamic Studies Bldg.) Nov 2-7 at 8 pm. Tickets \$5 students \$6 others.

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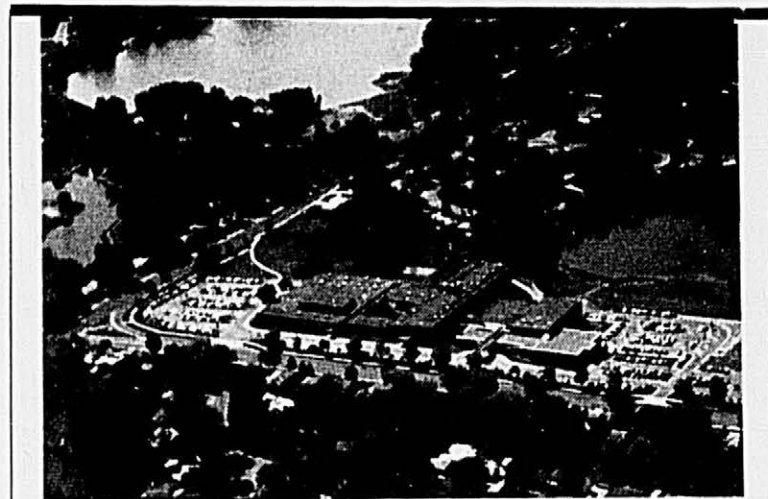
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Magazine called sexist by student groups

"Don't mention my name," says editor Chris Haroun

BY LIZ UNNA

The October issue of the *Commerce Communiqué*, the Management students' "humour" magazine, has offended students across the campus and sparked disapproval from McGill Students' Society.

"The material is blatantly offensive, perpetuating violence against women," said Sonia Goswami, external co-ordinator of the McGill Sexual Assault Centre (SAC).

At last Thursday's Council meeting, the Students' Society adopted a motion which condemns the publication.

"I find it frightening that students who will be taking managerial roles spend their time promoting violence against women," said vp university affairs Ruth Promislow, who brought the *Communiqué* to the attention of council.

Furthermore, vp finance Paul Johnson announced that \$1557 worth of ad space purchased in the *Communiqué* by Students' Society will not be paid.

"I was upset to find that SSMU had funded this...The check for this ad has not yet been paid and it will not be paid. Additional ads will be revoked," said Johnson.

One section of the *Communiqué*, entitled "15 Reasons Why Beer is Better Than STATS", contains thinly veiled comments such as "A beer always goes down easy," "Beer labels come off without a fight," and "After you've had a beer the bottle is still worth 10¢".

Another part of the paper advised a reader who had been trying to "pick up babes" to "use a U1 virgin as a paper weight" and told another reader that "that hot U1 girl that sits next to you in Stats is waiting for me in my bedroom."

"If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at?... It's just poking fun and whatnot," said *Communiqué* editor Chris Haroun in reference to the publication.

According to Goswami, com-

ments like those in the *Communiqué* "objectify women by not treating them as a person...They perpetuate the idea of the submissive woman who wants to be abused, who wants to be raped."

Haroun defended himself.

"I didn't write any of these articles. I don't think I should get the rap for this," Haroun told the *Daily*.

"But we're very apologetic if we have offended anybody. We will be more considerate next time."

Haroun said the Man-

agement department is different from the rest of the campus, adding that the Management students he has spoken to about the publication did not find it offensive.

Jen Cowan, a U3 Management student, disagrees.

"In Management, we are women trying to get into the business world.

It's very stifling what our peers are doing. It's like they're saying that equality is a joke," said Cowan.

This is not the first time the *Communiqué* has been criticized for its sexist content. In 1989, the magazine was condemned by groups on campus for its sexist and homophobic content.

An advice column in that issue recommended, among other things, that a reader kick a woman in the teeth for refusing a marriage proposal.

The editors of the *Communiqué* have sent letters of "explanation", not apology, to the Women's Union and to Gays and Lesbians of McGill (now called LBGM).

Haroun was worried about his reputation.



Our sentiments exactly: the *Commerce Communiqué*

"Please don't tarnish my name, please. I'm applying to get into graduate studies at McGill," said Haroun. "Don't mention my name."

Underhanded Students' Society Move Backfires

BY LIZ UNNA AND DAVE LEY

Last Thursday's Student Council meeting turned sour when two council members were singled out and asked to reconsider their in-

volvement with Students' Society.

Cornell Wright, vp internal and Eddy Saad, one of three clubs representatives, wrote a letter to the other two clubs reps, Farah Nazrali and John Saunders, asking them to

"consider very carefully the role you agreed to play [as a club representative]."

The letter was passed out to all Students' Society council members before the meeting and was to be an

official Students' Society document. The council, including Wright himself, voted to have the document removed from the record.

Saunders and Nazrali said that they felt that they were singled out because Wright and Saad didn't like how they spoke up on council.

"Essentially we're two of the more vocal, progressive councillors, 'lefty types'," said John Saunders, one of the councillors who was asked to let Wright know if "the role of Club Representative has not turned out to be as exciting as you would have liked."

"I think it is safe to say [the letter] is politically based," said Saunders.

Clubs rep on council are elected every spring by the 68 clubs at McGill which are members of the society.

Wright said that the letter was meant simply to convey the sentiment that he and Saad had felt, and wasn't meant to ask for their resignation.

"[Saad] and I felt that many of the clubs we talked to didn't know who their clubs reps were," said Wright. "Independently they could be doing a good job, but we felt that we could be doing better."

Wright added that "it was probably a bad idea to circulate the letter in retrospect."

"I was disappointed that [Nazrali and Saunders] took offense," he said.

Saad justified the letter by saying that Saunders and Nazrali just weren't doing their jobs.

"A lot of clubs don't know about the clubs rep, and the clubs reps have to go out and talk to the clubs, this is not happening with the other two [clubs rep]," he said. "Both of them have missed at least three council meetings and three other [clubs meetings]."

Nazrali and Saunders rejected this opinion, saying that they represented their clubs very well.

"Our role is to bring club issues to council and have council address those issues," said Nazrali, adding that she has been doing that successfully.

Saunders added, "It was the vp internal and the other clubs rep who brought up this issue, instead of the clubs themselves. I mean, who are we representing here?"

David D'Andrea, co-president of NDP McGill, a club who Saunders represents, disagreed with the letter.

"Saunders has performed admirably," said D'Andrea. "I find it kind of strange that they are being singled out in this fashion, it was clearly a bad move."

The two councillors said that Cornell and Saad handled the situation very badly. They said they were frustrated that Cornell made very little effort to talk to them before distributing this letter to all of council.

"Cornell approached me in passing, and said he and Eddy had some concerns about us," said Nazrali. "I never heard from him again until I got the letter in my mailbox."



"The Stump", a 4000 kg remnant of a felled 380-year-old adolescent red cedar, was in Montréal last Thursday. A native of Clayoquot Sound on Vancouver Island, the stump was pulled across the country to raise public awareness of BC's controversial logging practices.

The big stump tour was organized by the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.

Twenty McGill students joined hundreds of Montréalers who marched to the site of "The Stump" at Berri Square.

On Tuesday, Nov 2, there will be a welcome rally for the arrival of the Clayoquot Express train in Montréal. The Express will carry activists opposed to logging in Clayoquot Sound "From the Ocean Without Fish to the Forest Without Trees." The train will stop at Montréal's central station between 8:15 and 10:40 am.